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Cherokee Nation
Bill John Baker – Principal Chief
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Dear Mr. Baker:


The recent revisions to procedures Eligible Telecommunications Carriers and Providers "ETC" who are eligible for Universal Service Fund support require the ETC to assure all Tribal authorities of its commitment to their Tribal areas and to document the interaction with all Tribal representatives.

Oklatel Communications serves a small portion of the southwestern edge of the Cherokee Nation as noted on the attached map. It has been serving that area since the 1950's, and has seen many changes in the technology available to use in providing service. We continue to upgrade our facilities to bring all types of telecommunications services to any and all residences of our service area. Today, all of our customers have available the full suite of voice grade services, access to 911, toll restriction and limitation if desired, and all of the customer calling features. Broadband related services are available and we continue to upgrade of the speeds available, though they may vary by location.

The Lifeline and LinkUp programs that are provided through certificated ETCs are vital to meet the communication needs of those individuals with financial assistance. We continually promote the existence of those programs to area residents in order to aid in the expansion of connectivity and ask that you help expand the awareness of the programs.

We are interested in how we can prepare to serve your future needs and want to know of any priorities or services expansion plans you have in our area. We would like to know your plans for additional community centers, healthcare outlets, or other economic drivers so we can plan our network deployments to meet your needs. I would like to schedule a personal meeting with you or the proper member of your staff in the near future to discuss your plans or answer any questions you may have about our services. Please contact me at the above number with a date and time you would like to meet.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Holt", with a stylized, cursive script.

ROBERT HOLT
Local Manager

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Enc.

